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Wit and Wisdom of Childhood.

It has been often observed that human nature is both genuine and artless in childhood. The reason of this is obvious. It has not yet become enveloped in that covering of artificiality which it assumes in later years. Man is like an onion that takes on layer after layer as it grows, the real taste and flavor being always near the core. If you could peel a man as you do an onion, stripping off coating after coating of his pride and self esteem and artfulness, you might get at the real type of human nature which he represents. In the child, we have this advantage, that he has not yet taken off his *feel*. He has not yet learned to conceal: he has not become dressed up with pride; he has not become conscious of possessing a *character*; so that if you taste his quality you will get the genuine flavor of the old Adam, without any spurious sweetening or adulterations. The following dialogue will illustrate our meaning:

"Where do you go to Sunday school, Jimmy?"

"Why mam? I go to the baptissses' and methodists' and presbyterians', and lately I have been trying the piscopal's."

"Then you don't seem to belong anywhere, Jimmy?"

"Why marm don't you see? I belong in all exceptin' the piscopals, and I'm going to 'jine' them now."

"Well Jimmy, what's your idea in going to so many?"

"Why, you see I can get a little of what's going in 'em all, marm. I get pictures from the methodissses and library books from the presbyterians, and the baptissses they has pickenicks, and I gets cakes and candy from them."

"Oh genuine expounder of seclarianism! You have let us into the secret of much of men's "religious persuasions."

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Giving.

Every man on whose spirit the true light of redemption breaks, finds himself an heir to an inheritance of givings which began on the eve of time, and will keep pace with the course of eternity. To giving he owes his all; in giving he sees the best evidence he can offer that he is a grateful debtor to One who says: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Christianity ordains that giving shall be both bountiful and cheerful. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly." Give not grudgingly or of necessity; for "God loveth a cheerful giver."

The Guide Post.

BY BAYARD TAYLOR.

Translated from the *Allemannische German dialect* of John Peter Hebel.

D'ye know the road to th' bar'l of flour?
At break o' day let wind blow the bars,
And plow your wheat field hour by hour.
Till sundown—yes, till shine of stars.

You peg away the live-long day,
Nor loaf about, nor gape around;
And that's the road to the thrashin' hour.
And into the kitchen, I'll be bound!

D'ye know the road where the dollars are?
Follow the red cents here and there;
For if a man leaves them, I guess
He won't find dollars anywhere.

D'ye know the road to Sunday's rest?
Jist don't of week days be afeerd;
To field and workshop do y'r best,
And Sunday comes itself, I've heerd.

D'ye know what road to honor leads?
And good old age?—a lovely sight!
By way o' temperance, honest deeds,
And tryin' to do y'r dooty right.

And when the road forks aye aside,
And you're in doubt which one it is,
Stand still and let y'r conscience guide;
Thank God, it can't lead you amiss?

Go, fearin' God, but lovin' more!
I've tried to be an honest guide.
You find the grave has got a door,
And somethin' for you t'other side.

Remedy for Trouble.

Work is your true remedy. If misfortune hits you hard, you hit something else hard; pitch into something with a will. There's nothing like good, solid, exhausting work to cure trouble. If you have met with losses, you don't want to lie awake and think about them. You want sleep—calm, sound sleep—and eat your dinner with appetite. But you can't unless you work. If you say you don't feel like work, and go loafing all day to tell Tom, Dick, and Harry the story of your woes, you'll lie awake, and keep your wife awake by your tossing, spoil your temper, and your breakfast next morning, and begin to-morrow feeling ten times worse than you do to-day. There are some great troubles that only time can heal, and perhaps some that never can be healed at all; but all can be helped by the great panacea, work. Try it, you who are afflicted. It is not a patent medicine. It has proved its efficiency since first Adam and Eve left behind them, with weeping, their beautiful Eden. It is an efficient remedy. All good physicians in regular standing prescribe it in cases of mental and moral disease. It operates kindly as well, leaving no disagreeable sequelae, and we assure you that we have taken a large quantity of it with most beneficial results. It will cure more complaints than any nostrum in the *materia medica*, and comes nearer to being a "cure-all" than any drug or compound of drugs in the market.

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Merchants understand this fact most fully, and will delight to give your family credit if they hold a respectable station in society, and they are certain the time of payment will eventually come.

Debts are like stinging mosquitoes to honest men, and they poke their bills into their faces so often that they learn to give them a *quintus*, and never let them approach again; but to dishonest men they are the means of obtaining what is not lawfully their own, and thereby defrauding their neighbors and the community at large.

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They Didn't Think.

Once a trap was baited
With a piece of cheese;
It tickled so a little mouse
It almost made him sneeze.

An old rat said, "there's danger,
Be careful where you go!"
"Nonsense!" said the other,
"I don't think you know!"

So he walked in boldly—
Nobody in sight;
First he took a nibble,
Then he took a bite.

Close the trap together
Snapped, as quick as wink,
Catching "mousey" fast there,
'Cause he didn't think.

Once there was a robin
Lived outside the door,
'Who wanted to go inside
And hop upon the floor.

"O, no!" said the mother,
You must stay here with me;
Little birds are safest
Sitting in a tree."

"I don't care," said robin,
And gave his wings a fling;
"I don't think the old folks
Know quite everything."

Down he flew and kitty seized him
'Fore he'd time to blink;
"O!" he cried, "I'm sorry,
But I didn't think."

Now my little children,
You who read this song,
Don't you see what trouble
Comes from thinking wrong?

And can't you take a warning
From their dreadful fate,
Who began their thinking
When it was too late?

Don't think there's always safety
Where no danger shows;
Don't suppose you know more
Than any body knows.

But when you're warned of
wrong,
Pause upon the brink;
And don't go over headlong,
'Cause you didn't think.

Temperance.

A new era in the cause of temperance has dawned upon us, causing new expectations to spring up and gladden many a saddened heart. The dog star of hope has lifted the darkened curtain from many beclouded homes, causing the looking up with an eye of faith to behold the already parting clouds unfold their silver linings. And now as we look in the east for the golden tints of Aurora to usher in the king of day, so may christian hearts, in the exercise of that strong and living faith which takes no denial, ask for the shining in our midst of a greater sun, even the "Son of righteousness," with healing in his wings.

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